array, but in returning they were stayed by Mr. Daniel, the proproctor, and some scholars, who took from them their drum and divers weapons, striking and beating some, and committing others to prison , insomuch that there was a great uproar and concourse, both of scholars and citizens, and if the citizens had not given way there would have been a bloody aav and much slaughter The Mayor complameth to the Council tiiat the scholars have not been punished and moreover they ieep that which they took away But the Vice-Chancellor declareth that the townsmen, with drum and shot and other weapons, and men attired in women's garments, brought into the town a woman bedecked with garlands and flowers, and named by them Queen of May Moreover the) had morrice-dances and other unseemly sports, and intended next Sunday to continue the same abuses, in which notous proceedings seditious speeches were used When the Vice-Chancellor sent to entreat the Mayor to meet him, the Mayor made a fnvolous and dilatory answer, and in the meantime preferred an unjust and scandalous complaint against the University.

lit June THE APOLOGY OF THE EARL OF ESSEX

Mv Lord of Essex, being of so many taxed as the hinderer of the peace and quiet of his country at this time, hath written an apology of his present opinions in the form of a letter to Mr Anthony Bacon. That generally he is affected to the men-of-war should not seem strange to any reasonably man , for every man doth love them of his own profession, and since the Queen hath used him yearly in her late actions he must reckon himself among the men of war. He would not now dissent from

peace, if those who propose it would build upon any one true principle, but if they will promise themselves that they may have peace without ground, or tlnrtlr that peace shall be good for us without reason, or to leap blindfold into a Treaty without undue circumstance, then doth he not suspect too much, but they too little

No peace can be had for the United Provinces, without a Spanish sovereign be acknowledged, and then will the Popish religion be either universally established or at least freely exercised in towns and provinces whence it is now banished